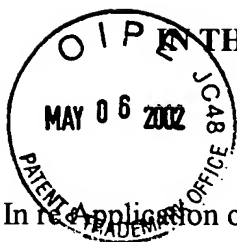


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Please amend the application as follows before examination thereof:

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph to page 1, after the title:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

91 This application claims an invention, which was disclosed in Provisional Application Number 60/273,365, filed 3/5/01, entitled "Compression Type Inverted Tooth Chain". The benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of the United States provisional application is hereby claimed, and the aforementioned application is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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Claims 1-7 remain in the case.

The specification is amended to add information regarding priority of the application. No new matter is added. Such action is thus respectfully requested.

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